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**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
SOCIAL JUSTICE, EMPOWERMENT AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT  
GANGTOK.**

**No.5/SJE&WD**

**Dated. 21/3/2013**

**NOTIFICATION**

Whereas the State Government has deemed it expedient to frame rules for providing pension to the Unmarried Women in the State;

Now, therefore, the State Government hereby makes the following rules regulating grant of pension to the Unmarried Women namely:-

**Short title and Commencement** 1. (1) These rules may be called the Sikkim Unmarried Women Pension Rules, 2013.  
(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-
- (a) "Department" means the Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department;
  - (b) "Form" means the form appended to these rules;
  - (c) "Government" means the Government of the State of Sikkim;
  - (d) "Local resident" means a person belonging to either Bhutia, Lepcha or Nepali Community possessing Sikkim Subject Certificate or Certificate of Identification;
  - (e) "Poor and Needy" means a person having no regular source of income of her own, no financial support from family members, Below Poverty Line Certificate holder and is non-recipient of any other pension from the State Government/Central Government or any other sources.
  - (f) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Social Justice Empowerment and Welfare Department;
  - (g) "Unmarried Women" means a poor and needy women who has attained the age of 45 (forty five) and possesses unmarried certificate duly certified by the Competent Authority and till she attains the age of 59 years.

- Amount of Pension**      3. The amount of pension payable to each unmarried women shall be as such as may be notified by the Government from time to time.
- Selection Committee**      4. There shall be a Selection Committee for the purpose of selection of the beneficiaries consisting of the following members namely:-  
 (1) Secretary/Social Justice Empowerment & Welfare Department - Chairperson.  
 (2) Joint Secretary/ Social Justice Empowerment & Welfare Department - Member.  
 (3) Social Welfare Officer/ Social Welfare Division - Member.
- Cessation of Pension**      5. (1) The unmarried women pension shall cease from the date of the death of beneficiary. The amount due up to the corresponding month of death shall be paid to the immediate members of the pensioner and the Passbook is to be surrendered to the Department.  
 (2) In case of permanent migration of the pensioner outside Sikkim, the pension shall cease to be payable from the date of her migration. In such event the family/ Panchayat of the pensioner shall surrender the pass book to the Department.  
 (3) In case the beneficiary enters into a marriage institution, the pension of the beneficiary shall automatically cease.
- Authority Competent to Sanction Pension**      6. The Authority Competent to sanction pension shall be the Secretary.
- Procedure for Application**      7. Application for pension shall be made in the form appended to these rules free of charge, along with (three) passport size photographs, Sikkim Subject Certificate or Certificate of Identification, BPL Certificate and Date of birth and unmarried certificate duly certified by the concerned authority.
- Procedure for Grant of Pension**      8. (1) On receipt of any application in the prescribed form the Committee shall scrutinize the age, Sikkim Subject, Certificate/or Certificate of Identification, Below Poverty Line Certificate etc. and after scrutinization of the complete documents, approval shall be accorded by the Secretary.  
 (2) A copy of the order for the grant and payment of pension shall be endorsed to the District Collector, Sub-Division Magistrate, Revenue Officer and Panchayat where the applicant actually resides and the applicant himself/herself.
- Payment of pension**      9. (1) The Secretary shall be the competent authority to make payment of pension.  
 (2) The pension shall be disbursed to the office of the Block Development Officer.

**FORM**  
**(See Rules 7 and 8)**  
**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM**  
**SOCIAL JUSTICE, EMPOWERMENT AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT**  
**APPLICATION FORM FOR GRANT OF PENSION FOR UNMARRIED WOMEN FOR 45**  
**YEARS AND ABOVE.**

1. Name of Applicant.....
2. Father's Name.....
3. Date of Birth.....
4. Gram Panchayat Unit No. and Name.....
5. Name of Ward.....
6. Constituency .....
7. Sub-Division .....
8. District .....
9. UID (Adhaar Card no.)
10. Name of the nearest Bank or Post Office:
11. Account no of Bank or Post Office:

The informations given above are true to the best of my belief and knowledge. Further, if at any time the Department finds that the informations given are/ is incorrect, I agree to surrender the passbook issued to me under these rules.

**Signature or Thumb Impression of the Applicant.**

**Documents to be enclosed:-**

1. 3 Recent passport size Photographs;
2. Attested Photocopy of Sikkim Subject Certificate/Certificate of Identification;
3. Attested photocopy of Below Poverty Line Certificate;
4. Birth Certificate or Elector's Photo Identity Card or any other valid document having recorded the date of birth or age as proof of age.
5. Unmarried Certificate issued by the Block Development Officer.

**PANCHAYAT RECOMMENDATION**

It is certified that the applicant is .....years old and is poor and needy person. Hence, her application for the Unmarried Women Pension Scheme is hereby recommended.

Signature.....  
Full Name .....  
Seal .....

**M. L. A's RECOMMENDATION**

Application of the applicant is hereby recommended.

Signature .....  
Seal .....

(3) The details of the pensioner/maintenance of accounts etc. shall be maintained by the Social Justice Empowerment and Welfare Department.

**Verification** 10. If required, concerned officer of the Social Justice Empowerment & Welfare Department shall make tour to village to verify the continued existence of the pensioner and other relevant particulars.

**Intimation of death of the Pensioner** 11. In the event of death of the pensioner, the family member/Phanchyat shall make report and also surrender the passbook to the Social Welfare Department, immediately.

**Penalty** 12. The authority competent to grant pension shall have the right to recover payments made on the basis of false or mistaken information, if any, about eligibility and death of beneficiaries.

**Unmarried Certificate** 13. The beneficiary shall produce unmarried certificate on yearly basis to check on the marital status of the beneficiary.

By order and in the name of the Governor

**G.P. UPADHYAYA, IAS  
(Principal Secretary)  
Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department**

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Application received along with the following documents

- 1) 3 recent passport size photographs.
- 2) Attested photocopy of Sikkim Certificate/ Certificate of Identification.
- 3) Attested photocopy of Below Poverty Line Certificate (Photocopy), birth certificate of any documents in Sl. No 4 above.
- 4) Unmarried Certificate issued by Block Development Officer.

Full Name .....

Designation .....

Date .....